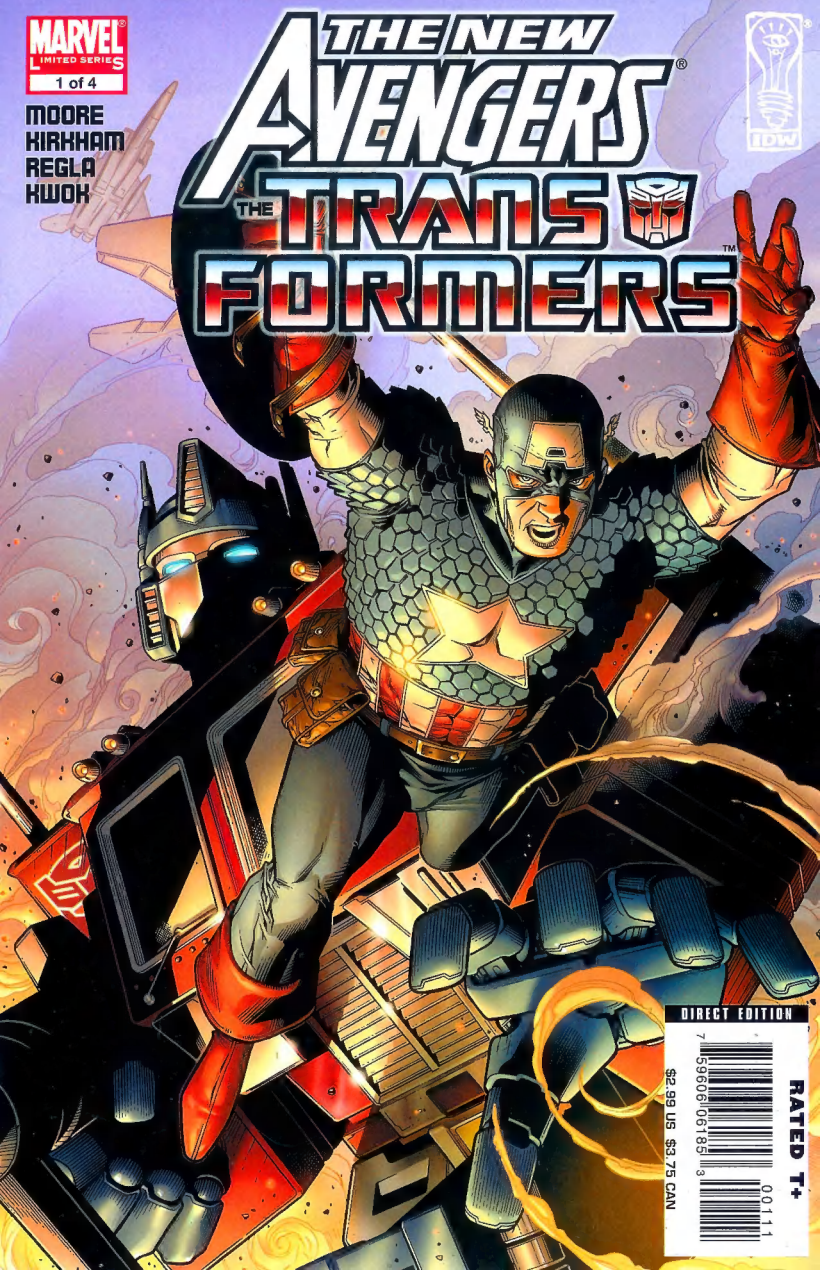
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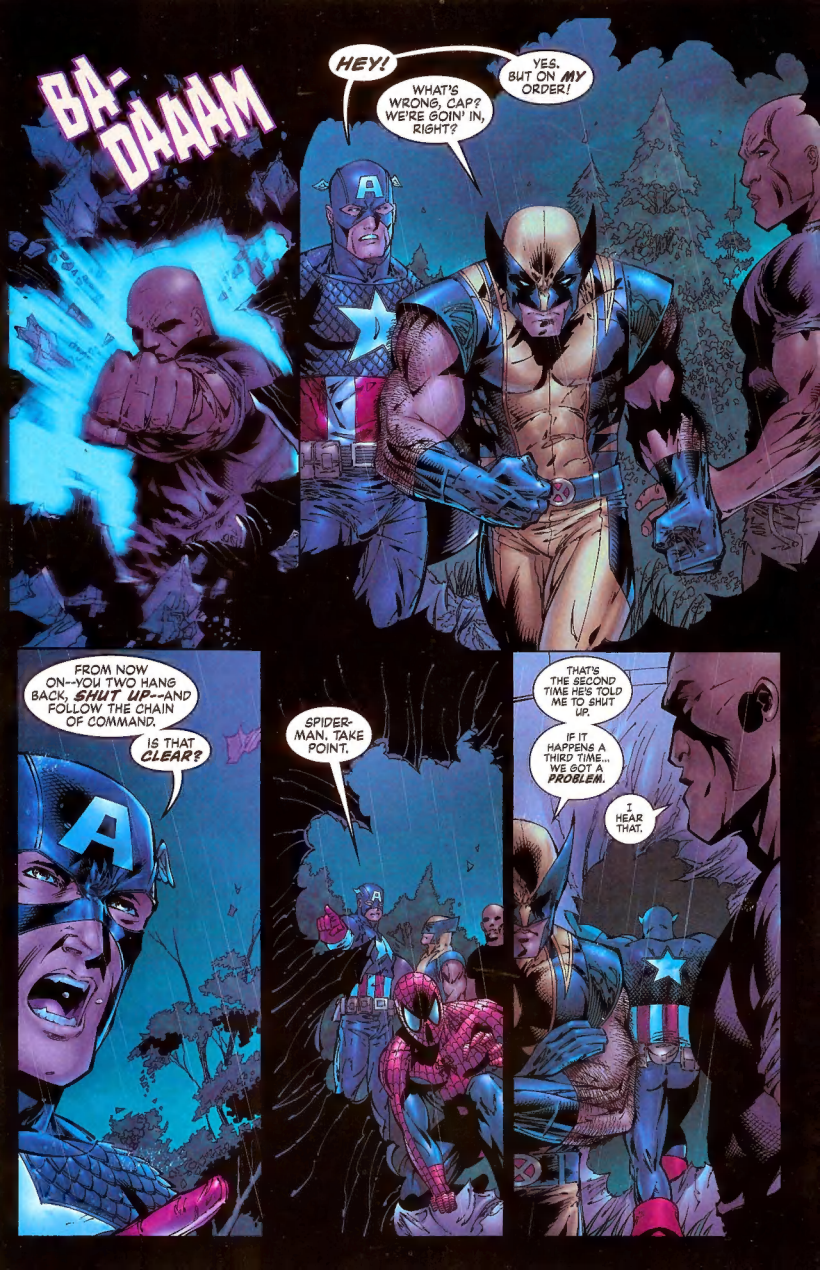
LATVERIA: the Eastern European nation ruled by Dr. Doom...
THE ENGINES OF WAR.
A NECESSARY EVIL, SOMETIMES, BUT A DARK REFLECTION OF OUR BETTER SELVES.
ONCE THOSE ENGINES ARE SET IN MOTION...
...THEY CAN BE VERY HARD TO STOP.
CAP?
YOU WITH US, MAN?
I'M WITH YOU.
FWOOM
S.H.I.E.L.D. RISKED A LOT OF AGENTS' LIVES SO WE COULD SLIP IN HERE BY QUINJET. WHATEVER DR. DOOM IS UP TO, THE RADIATION SIGNATURE IS COMING FROM JUST UP AHEAD.
WE'VE GOT TO SHUT IT DOWN-- FAST--
UH... GUYS?

I THINK DOOM'S GOT PROBLEMS, TOO.
SPIDER-MAN
A.K.A. Peter Parker. Proportionate strength & agility of an arachnid.
CAPTAIN AMERICA
A.K.A. Steve Rogers. Enhanced strength & stamina via super-soldier serum.
WOLVERINE
A.K.A. Logan. Mutant healing factor, enhanced senses & Adamantium-laced skeleton & claws.
SNIKT
LUKE CAGE
Steel-hard skin and superhuman strength.

DOOM'S ROBOT ARMY. SOMEBODY DID A FULL DRIVE-BY ON 'EM...
...IN THEIR OWN 'HOOD.
WHAT? I CAN TALK "STREET"!
EVERYBODY ZIP IT FOR A MINUTE.
DIRECTOR HILL...
HQ of S.H.I.E.L.D., the world's pre-eminent peace-keeping organization.
...ARE YOU MONITORING THIS?
ROGER THAT, CAPTAIN AMERICA.
THAT STRUCTURE-- WHATEVER IT IS--IS DEFINITELY THE SOURCE OF THE ANOMALOUS READINGS. BUT THE ARCHITECTURE DOESN'T MATCH ANY OF DOOM'S KNOWN TECHNOLOGY.
OUR SPY-SATS SHOW LATVERIA CONTINUING THEIR SHELLING OF SYMKARIA--THEIR NEIGHBOR COUNTRY.
WITH STRANGE AIRCRAFT. I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THAT DESIGN...
FWOOM

THE MAKE OF DOOM'S PLANES IS ABOUT TO BECOME THE LEAST OF OUR PROBLEMS, CAPTAIN.
UNLESS LATVERIA CALLS OFF THE AIR STRIKES, SYMKARIA HAS VOWED FULL RETALIATION IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. THAT'LL MEAN ALL-OUT WAR...
AND A LOT OF NEEDLESS DEATHS.
STILL NO WORD FROM DOOM?
NEGATIVE. HE'S GONE COMPLETELY DARK. BUT ALL OUR INTEL CONNECTS HIM WITH THE STRUCTURE.
CAP, YOU'VE GOT TO INFILTRATE IT AND FIND OUT WHAT IT IS AND IF IT HAS ANY CONNECTION TO THE RISING HOSTILITIES. BOTTOM LINE: STOP THE WAR.
HILL OUT.
NO SIGN OF AN AIR STRIKE HERE...AND NO HUMAN SCENTS LINGERIN' AT ALL.
WHICH MEANS WHATEVER TURNED THESE DOOMBOTS INTO CURBSIDE RECYCLING CAME FROM IN THERE.
UH, CAP... EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF WEAPONS DOES SYMKARIA HAVE?
THEY JUST JOINED US IN THE NUCLEAR CLUB.
YOU FIND SOMETHIN'?
YEAH...A SEAM...
...RIGHT HERE.


BA-DAAAM
HEY!
WHAT'S WRONG, CAP? WE'RE GOIN' IN, RIGHT?
YES. BUT ON MY ORDER!
FROM NOW ON--YOU TWO HANG BACK, SHUT UP--AND FOLLOW THE CHAIN OF COMMAND.
IS THAT CLEAR?
SPIDER-MAN, TAKE POINT.
THAT'S THE SECOND TIME HE'S TOLD ME TO SHUT UP.
IF IT HAPPENS A THIRD TIME... WE GOT A PROBLEM.
I HEAR THAT.

SO ARE WE THE AVENGERS STEALTH TEAM, NOW? LIKE NINJAS?
COOL.
ANY REAL NINJAS HEARD THIS GROUP TROMPIN' AROUND, THEY'D WET THEMSELVES LAUGHING.
ONE MORE TIME--CAN THE CHATTER!
PERIMETER VIOLATION--SECTOR EIGHT. EXTRAHUMAN PLANETARY DEFENSES DETECTED.
YOU MIGHT WANT TO EASE OFF THE GENERAL PATTON ROUTINE... STEVE.
I'M JUST SAYIN'
SNIKT
INITIATE MIRROR RESPONSE MODE.

WHAT'S WITH THE FUNHOUSE EFFECT?
AM I REALLY THAT FAT?
A DARK REFLECTION.
THE ENGINES OF WAR...
LOOK OUT!
SZAAAK

SZAAAK
SZAAAK
FORM UP!
CAGE-- TRY TO REACH THE--
BLOOD ANOMALIES: HUMAN CELL REGENERATION SERUM.
INTERESTING...BUT INSUFFICIENT...
SZAAAK
AAAHH!
BLOOD ANOMALIES: EXPERIMENTAL BIO-ENHANCEMENT SERUM [TRACE].
NO...
BLOOD ANOMALIES: MUTANT X-FACTOR, RAPID HEALING.
HMM... ALMOST...

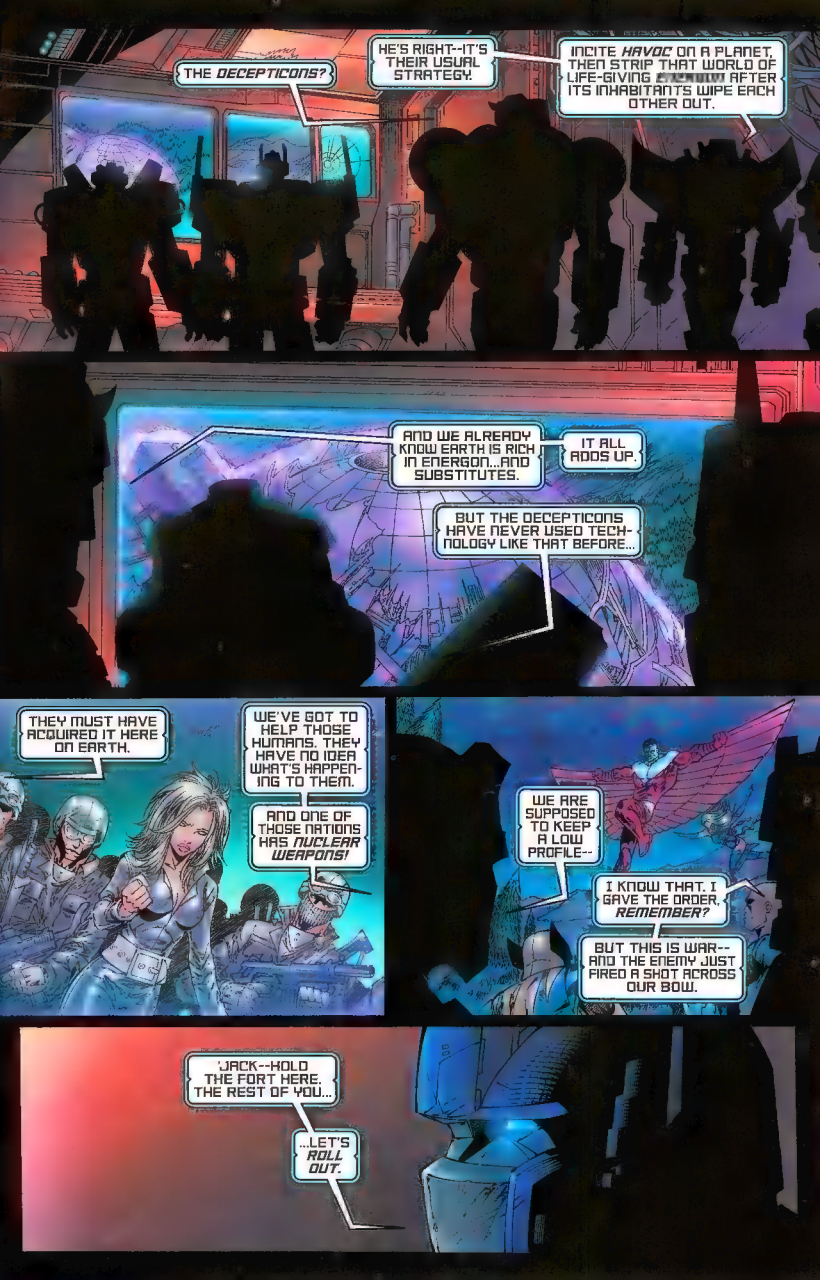
SZAAAK
THWIP
COME ON, DOOM--IF THAT IS YOU--
--YOU DON'T GOTTA START A WAR JUST TO GET YOUR OLD BUDS TO COME VISIT!
THWIP
THWIP
THWIP
THWIP
THWIP
BLOOD ANOMALIES: IRRADIATION, EXTREME CELLULAR ALTERATION.
MATCH! MATCH! MATCH!
AHHH... PERFECT.
NEXT TIME YOU FEEL LONELY, JUST TEXT ME.
OR BETTER YET--DROP BY MY PLACE. WE'LL PLAY XBOX FOR A WHILE...
RRRAH!

...AND YOU CAN WATCH YOUR IDOL--HITLER--ON THE HISTORY CHANN--
--HUH?
spk
AAAAAA-AAHHHH!
VZZZZZZ
THUNK
A CAR? WHAT THE--?
RRRRRR

ARRRHHHH!
LOGAN! SLOW DOWN!
DO YOU KNOW WHICH WAY YOU'RE--
GOT TO GET US OUT OF THIS...
...BLASTED... PLACE!
CAP'S OKAY--JUST STUNNED.
LET'S GET BACK IN THERE AND FIND--

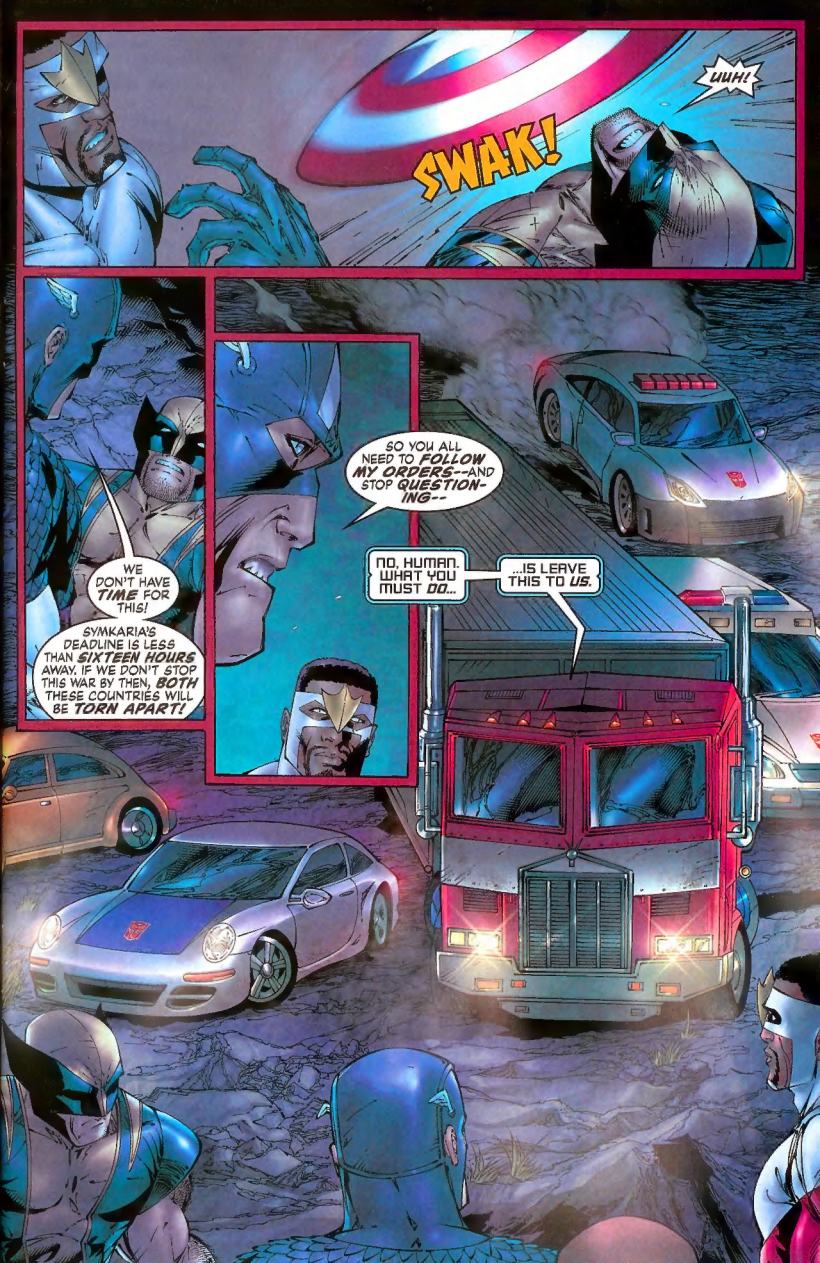
MMMMMM
AW, NO!
GUESS THIS MEANS--
...MADE BY YOU TWO AMATEURS.
IT MEANS I HAVE TO CALL IN REINFORCE-MENTS.
TO FIX THE MESS...

IT'S WORSE THAN I THOUGHT. THE HUMANS ARE ALREADY AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS.
SEE?
MMM...AND THIS IS BECAUSE OF THAT STRUCTURE? THAT ARRAY?
YES, SIR.
IT'S EMITTING A KIND OF... AGGRESSION WAVE, I GUESS YOU COULD CALL IT. IT WORKS DIRECTLY ON THE HUMANS' MINDS...RAISES THEIR EMOTION LEVELS AND SCRAMBLES THEIR NEUROTRANSMITTERS.
IT'S MAKING THE COSTUMED ONES ACT MORE VIOLENTLY THAN USUAL....
...AND IT'S WHIPPING THOSE TWO NATION-STATES UP TO A XENOPHOBIC WAR FEVER.
WHICH MEANS WE'VE GOT A NEW GAMBIT BEING PLAYED BY AN OLD ENEMY...
...MEGATRON.

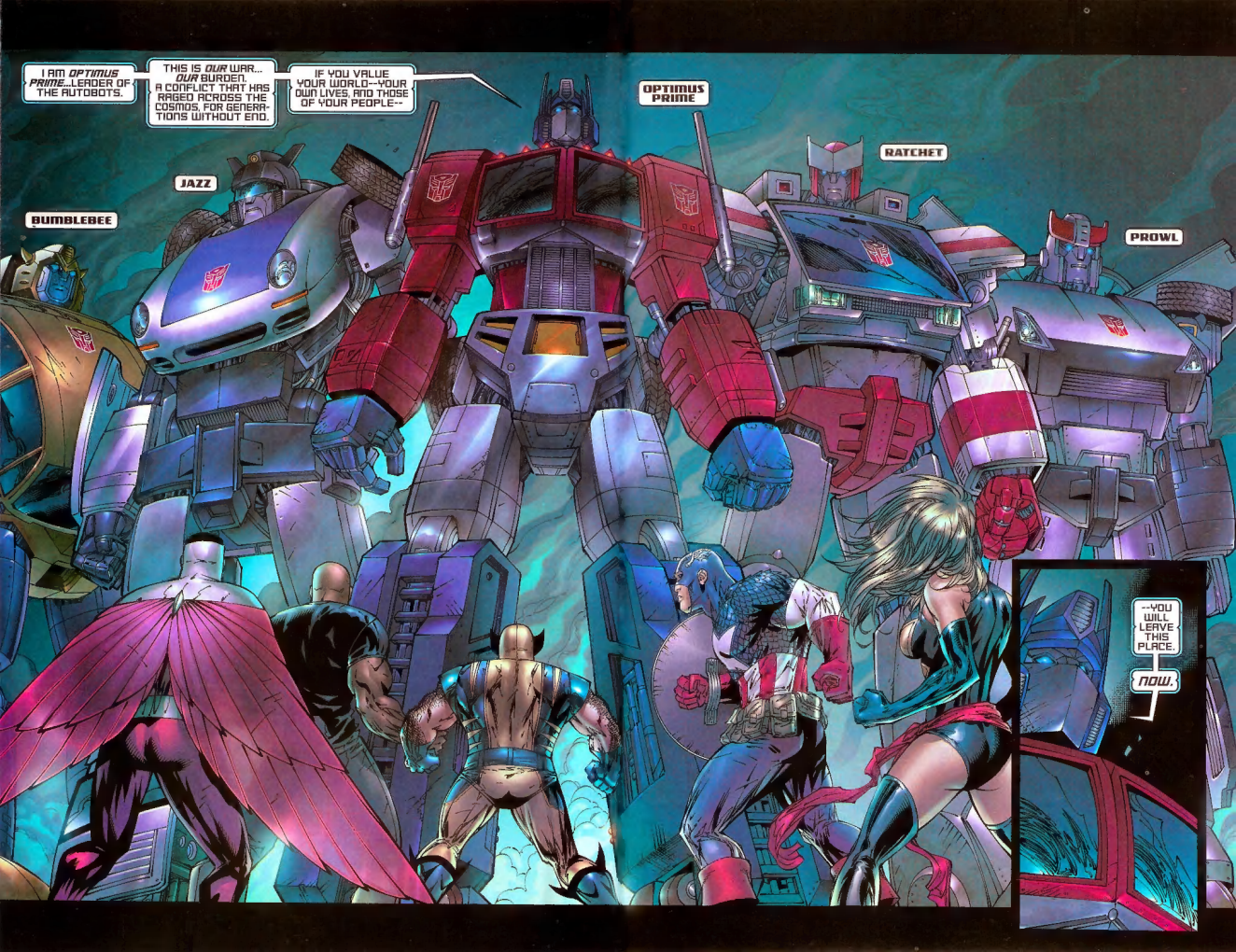

THE DECEPTICONS?
HE'S RIGHT--IT'S THEIR USUAL STRATEGY.
INCITE HAVOC ON A PLANET, THEN STRIP THAT WORLD OF LIFE-GIVING ENERGON AFTER ITS INHABITANTS WIPE EACH OTHER OUT.
AND WE ALREADY KNOW EARTH IS RICH IN ENERGON...AND SUBSTITUTES.
IT ALL ADDS UP.
BUT THE DECEPTICONS HAVE NEVER USED TECHNOLOGY LIKE THAT BEFORE...
THEY MUST HAVE ACQUIRED IT HERE ON EARTH.
WE'VE GOT TO HELP THOSE HUMANS. THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THEM.
AND ONE OF THOSE NATIONS HAS NUCLEAR WEAPONS!
WE ARE SUPPOSED TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE--
I KNOW THAT. I GAVE THE ORDER, REMEMBER?
BUT THIS IS WAR--AND THE ENEMY JUST FIRED A SHOT ACROSS OUR BOW.
'JACK--HOLD THE FORT HERE. THE REST OF YOU...
...LET'S ROLL OUT.

uuuuuhh...
AHHH... WELCOME BACK, HUMAN...
...I WANTED YOU TO BE *CONSCIOUS* FOR THIS.
YOU NEEDN'T STRUGGLE. WE'VE ENTERED FULL *RESPONSE MODE*...ALL SUPER-HUMAN ASSAULTS ARE BEING EFFECTIVELY NEUTRALIZED BY CORRESPONDING FIREPOWER.
I AM *MEGATRON*... FUTURE OWNER OF THIS WORLD.
YOUR FRIENDS HAVE GONE, AND I'M AFRAID THEY'RE IN NO CONDITION TO HELP YOU...THANKS TO A RECENTLY ACQUIRED DEVICE, HIDDEN ELSE-WHERE IN THIS COMPLEX.
MERELY A CRUDE PROTOTYPE...BUT SUFFICIENT TO RE-DUCE ALL HUMANS IN THE VICINITY TO THE MINDLESS, CLAWING ANIMALS YOU TRULY ARE.
THANKFULLY, THIS LABORATORY IS SHIELDED FROM ITS EFFECTS.
AFTER ALL...WE WOULDN'T WANT YOU RAGING WITH ANGER WHILE YOU HELP US ACHIEVE OUR *GREAT-EST* TRIUMPH.
...RUH-ROH...

FALCON, MS. MARVEL--THANKS FOR ANSWERING THE CALL.
DID S.H.I.E.L.D. BRIEF YOU ON THE SITUATION WHILE BRINGING YOU IN?
WE GOT IT, CAP.
FALCON
A.K.A. Sam Wilson. High-tech wings. Aerial expert.
MS. MARVEL
A.K.A. Carol Danvers. Alien-enhanced strength, invulnerability and flight.
WAIT A MINUTE. WHERE'S IRON MAN?
HE'S HANDLING A PROBLEM BACK IN THE U.S., SAID HE'D MONITOR OUR PROGRESS AND JOIN US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
GREAT. MEANWHILE, WE GOT A MAN DOWN IN THERE!
ARE WE GOIN' IN, OR NOT?
STEP BACK NOW, BROTHER--
WE AIN'T YOUR BROTHERS.
YOU WANNA TRY THOSE PIGEON WINGS AGAINST ME?


SWAK!
UUH!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!
SYMKARIA'S DEADLINE IS LESS THAN SIXTEEN HOURS AWAY. IF WE DON'T STOP THIS WAR BY THEN, BOTH THESE COUNTRIES WILL BE TORN APART!
SO YOU ALL NEED TO FOLLOW MY ORDERS--AND STOP QUESTIONING--
NO, HUMAN. WHAT YOU MUST DO...
...IS LEAVE THIS TO US.

A TALKIN' TRUCK?
ARE YOU KIDDIN' ME?
AUTOBOTS...
...TRANSFORM!


I AM *OPTIMUS PRIME*...LEADER OF THE AUTOBOTS.
THIS IS *OUR* WAR... *OUR* BURDEN. A CONFLICT THAT HAS RAGED ACROSS THE COSMOS, FOR GENERATIONS WITHOUT END.
IF YOU VALUE YOUR WORLD--YOUR OWN LIVES, AND THOSE OF YOUR PEOPLE--
OPTIMUS PRIME
RATCHET
JAZZ
BUMBLEBEE
PROWL
--YOU WILL LEAVE THIS PLACE.
NOW.

THE ENGINES OF WAR.
SOMETIMES THEY GRIND SO LOUD IN YOUR BRAIN--THEY DROWN OUT EVERYTHING ELSE, AND ALL YOU CAN DO...
AVENGERS...
...IS HEED THEIR CALL.
...ATTACK!
TO BE CONTINUED!